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SUBJECT: FINNISH COMMUNIST PARTY APPROVES RADICAL NEW ACTION PROGRAM

1. CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF FINNISH COMMUNIST PARTY (SKP)  
APPROVED NOV 21, 1976 POLITICAL ACTION PROGRAM ENTITLED  
"A DEMOCRATIC ROAD OUT OF THE CRISIS". THIS MESSAGE  
SUMMARIZES DOCUMENT'S ESSENTIAL POINTS, DRAWING FROM  
PROGRAM AS REPRINTED IN COMMUNIST PRESS. AN AIRGRAM  
TRANSMITTING FULL TRANSLATION OF PROGRAM BEING POUCHED.  
EMBASSY WILL ANALYZE DOCUMENT AND ITS IMPLICATIONS AT  
LATER DATE. MAIN POINTS OF DOCUMENT ARE AS FOLLOWS:

2. FINLAND'S PROBLEMS ARE REFLECTIONS OF WORLD-WIDE  
CIRSES OF CAPITALISM. EVEN THOUGH SCIENCE AND TECH  
MAKE IT POSSIBLE INCREASE PRODUCTION, CAPITALIST SYSTEM  
UNABLE EVEN TO USE PRESENT PRODUCTION CAPACITY. DEVELOP-  
MENT HAS BEEN UNBALANCED, TAX BURDEN HAS GROWN, AND TAX  
MONEY USED TO SUPPORT BIG MONEY CIRCLES.

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3. ECONOMIC PROBLEMS HAVE LED TO DEEPENING POLITICAL

CRISIS AND CRISIS OF PARLIAMENTARISM IN FINLAND.  
BUREAUCRACY INCREASING, CITIZENS' CHANCES TO INFLUENCE  
DECISIONS LESSENING. REFORMIST (I.E. NON-COMMUNIST)  
LABOR MOVEMENT HAS INTEGRATED INTO CAPITALIST SYSTEM.

4. SKP OPPOSES CAPITALISTS' AND POLITICIANS' CALL  
FOR LOWERING OF CONSUMER DEMAND. TASKS FOR PROGRESSIVE  
FORCES ARE TO SECURE FULL EMPLOYMENT, INCREASE CONSUMER  
DEMAND, ENCOURAGE PRODUCTION COOPERATION AMONG SMALL  
FARMERS, SUPPORT CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY AND OTHER LABO-  
ORIENTED PRODUCTION, RESTRAIN INFLATION THROUGH PRICE  
CONTROLS, RELIEVE CITIZEN TAX BURDEN AND INCREASE  
COMPANY TAXES, REALIZE BASIC SOCIAL REFORMS, AND TO  
RESTORE BALANCE IN FOREIGN TRADE BY QUANTITATIVE  
RESTRICTIONS ON TRADE WITH WEST AND EXPANSION OF  
COOPERATION WITH USSR AND OTHER SOCIALIST COUNTRIES.

5. REFORMS CAN BE ACHIEVED ONLY BY WORKING PEOPLES'  
STRUGGLE. INFLUENCE OF BANKS AND BIG CORPORATIONS  
HAS INCREASED; OBLIGATIONS TO IMF ARE THREAT TO FINNISH  
INDEPENDENCE. ONE HAS TO START TO LIMIT POWER OF BIG  
COMPANIES AND COMMERCIAL BANKS. STRUGGLE INCLUDES  
FOLLOWING CLASS OBJECTIVES: A) EXPANSION OF STATE-  
CONTROLLED INDUSTRY AND DEMOCRATIZATION OF STATE  
ENTERPRISES; B) NATIONALIZATION OF COMMERCIAL BANKS,  
INSURANCE COMPANIES AND BIGGEST PRIVATE INDUSTRIAL  
ENTERPRISES; C) BREAKING-UP OF FINLAND'S ECONOMIC AND  
FOREIGN TRADE DEPENDENCE ON WEST.

6. ELECTION VICTORY OF CONSERVATIVE PARTY HAS STRENGTH-  
ENED TREND TO "WASH THE FACE" OF CONSERVATIVE PARTY, WHICH  
REMAINS NEVERTHELESS SERIOUS CHALLENGE TO LABOR MOVEMENT AND  
WHICH IS IN CONFLICT WITH COUNTRY' OFFICIAL FOREIGN  
POLICY AND ITS BASES, THE PARIS PEACE TREATY AND THE  
FRIENDSHIP PACT.

7. PROBLEMS CAN BE SOLVED ONLY BY ALL DEMOCRATIC  
FORCES WORKING TOTETHER UNDER LEADERSHIP OF LABOR  
CLASS. COOPERATION BETWEEN LEFT AND CENTER MUST  
BE DIRECTED AGAINST THE RIGHT. CURRENT PRESIDENT HAS  
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SUPPORT; THE PROCESS OF PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION MUST  
STRENGTHEN FINNISH-SOVIET RELATIONS.

8. AN EXIT FROM PRESENT CRISIS PRESUPPOSES STRENGTHEN-  
INF OF COMMUNIST PARTY; ITS WORK MUST BE INTENSIFIED  
BOTH INSIDE THE PARTY AS WELL AS OUTSIDE, AMONG  
LARGE WORKING MASSES.

9. THE ABOVE ARE MAJOR POINTS IN NEW COMMUNIST ACTION  
PROGRAM.  
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